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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.31, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-20 and 22-24 of the above-identified application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed August 31, 2004.

No fee is due for filing this Supplemental Notice of Appeal as set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b).

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